

# PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 SUMMARY



## MEETING OVERVIEW

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On September 22, 2022, a community open house was held at the State Theater in downtown Elizabethtown to lay out the comprehensive plan process and to seek input on issues facing the county and ideas for the future. There were more than 100 people who attended the event.

Attendees were able to provide comments on a variety of topics. There were four boards that included questions on the current conditions, services & infrastructure, forward thinking (ideas for the future), and development. There was also a map of Hardin County that attendees were able to show where they lived within the county and also where new land uses should be located.

Some of the comments that were received included:

- Expansion of sewers are important to the growth of the community.
- There should be commercial development and sewer expansion south of Glendale along I-65.
- Strive to preserve farmland and rural character of the county.
- Rural areas are in need of increased broadband and internet speeds.
- Services related to integrating immigrants and refugees into the community are needed.
- There is not enough available housing for proposed growth.
- There is a need for more high-quality restaurants.
- Focus on infill development, and not as much in areas where infrastructure is not present.
- Hardin County is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. There is easy access to surrounding cities.
- Create a new zone for energy generation and utilities.
- Property owners should have the right to lease their property for solar.
- We need to save and preserve our rural villages.
- Hardin County today is a mix of beautiful farmland and Main Street pride.
- Hardin County's greatest opportunity is to preserve and maintain a rural atmosphere.
- Hardin County's greatest challenge is balancing farming and industry.